(b) if so, whether Government propose to levy import duty on aluminium ingots thus creating acute shortage of this metal; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the hardships of the consumers as there is no chance for the indigenous producers to meet the growing demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The production of aluminium in the country during 1989-90 has been estimated at 4,35,000 tonnes against an estimated demand of 4,00,000 tonnes leaving a surplus availability of about 35,000 tonnes. During the period April-July 1989, production of 1,37,000 tonnes has been achieved which is 32,000 tonnes more than the production during the corresponding period of previous year.

2. Representations have been received both for and against imposition of import duty on aluminium ingots and suitable action will be taken after consideration of all the representations at the appropriate time.

3. Thus, although there is adequate availabiltty of aluminium from indigenous production, import of aluminium including aluminium rods is also under Open General Licence (OGL) since July, 1988 to enable consumers to supplement their requirements of aluminium metal through direct imports.

Depletion of shrimp resources

3128. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the depletion of shrimp resources on the eastern coast;

(b) whether multi-purpose trawlers have been banned from shrimp ishing; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Shrimp production in the last three years on the Eastern Coast is indicated below:

Year	Shrimp Production (in tonnes)
1986-87	50089
1987-88	57544
1988-89 (Provisional)	59349

The above catch statistics do not indicate any depletion of shrimp resources on the eastern coast.

(b) Acquisition of multi-purpose trawlers by Indian entrepreneurs is not allowed as per the Public Notice issued by the Government of India (Ministry of Agriculture) dated 29th July, 1987.

(c) Does not arise.

Telecast of TV serial "Boond Boond"

3129. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telecast of the second episode of the TV serial "Boond Boond" was stopped on the night of July 26th, 1989; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The matter is sub-judice.

Supreme Court decision on Agro Service Centres

3130. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in its judgement dated the 30th November, 1985 in the Agro Service Centres case had categorically said that the problems and the controversy involved in the Agro Service Centres matter can find an appropriate just and satisfactory conclusion if the Central Government addresses itself to the problem; and

(b) if so, what action had been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In pursuance of the directives of the Supreme Court, a scheme for rehabilitation of sick Agro Service Centres was filed in the Supreme Court in May, 1986.

Distribution of imported milk powder

3131. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi and Calcutta are getting priority in allotment of imported Milk Powder and Butter Oil by National Dairy Development Board and Bombay and Madras are neglected by it;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) the quantities of milk powder and Butter Oil allotted city/Dairy wise during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 ;

(d) whether Government would ensure equitable distribution of these commodities; and

(e) whether Government would ban all import to save valuable foreign exchange specially since imported milk products are going only to the affluent and milk vendors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b) Delhi and Calcutta dairies draw their requirement of milk from the adjoining milksheds of neighbouring States and from other places under the National Milk Grid. The gap in the overall supply of fresh milk is being met by using skimmed milk powder and butter oil from National Dairy Development Board's pooled stock. The requirement of milk of Bombay and Madras dairies are being satisfactorily met by the milksheds of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively. The requirement of skimmed milk powder and fat is also met by these States' own milksheds/ dairies.

(c) A Statement indicating the dairy commodities issued to metro and other dairies during 1987-88 and 1988-89 is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 174).

(d) Allotment of commodities is made from NDDB's pooled stock on the basis of priorities such as demand for milk and milk products in the area, the current/expected level of fresh milk procurement, the availability of milk in the operational area of dairy and stock position of commodities with NDDB.

(e) Gift commodities comprising skimmed milk powder and butter